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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: FORSSMANN ET AL (PCT)

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EXAMINER: P. BASKAR

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TITLE: A METHOD FOR DETECTING THE CONDITION OF AN ORGANISM THROUGH THE MEASUREMENT OF PEPTIDES

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(2)

ATTN: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated SEPTEMBER 12, 2000 for two (2) months, from DECEMBER 12, 2000 to **FEBRUARY 12, 2001**. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(2), is a check in the amount of \$195.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a SMALL Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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Respectfully submitted,

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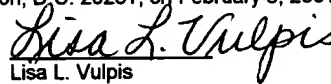


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Enclosures: Check in the amount of \$195.00

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